

A Present Help – Miracles Of Mercy

Mercy is compassion and care. It is specifically God's compassion and care that demonstrates His kindness toward us. When we consider God's mercy, it helps us to see that He is the God of all comfort. These two things seem to be connected.

2 Corinthians 1:3 NKJV Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort.

The Father of our Lord Jesus Christ is the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort. Jehovah Jireh — the God Who supplies all our needs is the Father of all mercies and the God of all comfort. El Gibbor — the God of all power, is the Father of mercies and all comfort. El Shaddai is not only Almighty God, He is full of mercy and comfort. Adonai Jehovah — the self-existent One is the Father of mercies and all comfort. God's comfort is associated with His mercy. Comfort is the encouragement that God gives as a result of His mercy.

His mercies are new every morning.

Lamentations 3:22-23 NKJV Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.

His mercy is from everlasting to everlasting.

Psalms 103:17 NKJV But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting On those who fear Him, And His righteousness to children's children,

We need to know and experience God's mercy. We know what it is like to bear the burden of our guilt and shame. We should not be so impressed with the power of Satan's accusations and attacks. Like many in the Bible, we know how it feels to be pushed down, walked on, and beaten down. We need to know that Father God is the God of all power, all might, mercies and comfort. Old Testament writers talked about the mercy, compassion and gracious God. God even made provision for a particular place in the Tabernacle and Temple where they could find mercy.

The Lord our God is the Father of all mercies.

Ephesians 2 talks about the way we used to live in sin and that we were just like the rest of the world. Each of us knows what it is like to follow the passionate desires and inclinations of our old sinful nature. It would be easy for God's anger to shut us out and cut us off because of our sins.

Ephesians 2:4 NKJV says: But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us.

God is rich in mercy.

After we hear that God is rich in mercy, we are shown how He saved us by grace and raised us up in Christ Jesus. This God of rich mercy has great love for us. Listen to the extent of God's love and mercy.

Ephesians 2:5 God loved us so much, that even when we were dead because of our sins, He made us alive together with Christ. It is only by God's grace that you have been saved.

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Hebrews tells us, Jesus was made in every respect like unto us and was tempted in all points like we are, so that He might be a merciful high priest, (Hebrews 2:17-18; 4:15).

Then, Hebrews 4:16 says: "Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

We can come to the throne of our gracious God and receive His mercy and grace to help in our time of need. Think about that. We have access to the throne of our gracious God even when we don't deserve it.

In Romans 12, Paul urged believers to present our bodies to God, by God's mercy.

Romans 12:1 CSB Therefore, brothers and sisters, in view of the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship.

When we really understand God's mercy, we will give Him everything we have.

You can come boldly to God's throne of grace for that mercy. You can come boldly to God because He wants to give mercy.

In 2 Chronicles 5, they were dedicating the temple.

Everything had been put in its place. The ark of the covenant of the Lord was brought up into the temple, to the Most Holy Place under the wings of the cherubim. The priests, Levites, and singers got together. They lifted their cymbals, stringed instruments, harps and 120 priests blew trumpets. All of the instruments and singers began making one sound to be heard praising and thanking the Lord.

2 Chronicles 5:13 says, their song said: "The Lord is good, and His mercy endures forever. The Lord is good, and His mercy endures forever."

Say it out loud: "*The Lord is good, and His mercy endures forever.*" Do you know what happened when they sang that over and over again? As they sang about the goodness and the mercy of God, the glory of God filled the temple.

God wants believers to be filled with the message of His goodness and mercy.

This is a house of mercy. Don't get the idea that we earn something from God.

Salvation is an act of God's mercy.

God saves us out of His great love because He is rich in mercy. All of God's miracles come from the riches of His mercy.

Healing is an act of God's mercy.

Everything you need comes as a result of God's mercy. Every good and perfect gift comes down to us from the Father of all mercy and comfort. That grace and mercy comes to you through Jesus.

In Matthew 17, Jesus had been with the Father on the mount of transfiguration.

When He came down to the valley with His disciples, He encountered a man. The man said, "My son suffers terribly with these seizures. Sometime he falls into the fire and into the water." He said, "I brought him to your disciples and they couldn't help him." **In Mark 9:22, that father said to Jesus,** "If you can do anything, have mercy on us." He did not ask for justice; he asked for mercy. Many people in the Bible did this same kind of thing. They went to everyone in the world they could and found no help.

You need to know that your help is in the Lord.

The Psalmist said, "*trust in the Lord, He is the help and shield,*" (Psalms 115:9-11). He said, "*Our help is in the name of the Lord, Who made heaven and earth,*" (Psalms 124:8).

You need to know that God will help you because He is the God of all mercy and comfort.

The Bible reveals many Miracles of God's Mercy.

God does not save, heal, or deliver because we are good. God takes action because of His great mercy. The Bible says Jesus took that boy and cast the demon out and healed him on the basis of mercy.

Luke 17 tells us a story of 10 lepers.

Leprosy was incurable and untouchable. The ten lepers had to stand afar off because they were lepers. They had to cover their mouth and nose so they would not breathe on people. They had to walk down wind from people and cry loudly, "Unclean, unclean, unclean; don't come near us. We're untouchable." The world has many untouchable people. Have you ever felt like you were untouchable and no one could help?

Jesus can touch untouchable people.

The lepers cried out: "Jesus, have mercy."

They didn't say, "We don't deserve to live like this." They didn't say, "We have lived a good life." **They just cried out "Jesus, have mercy."**

God helps us on the basis of His loving kindness and tender mercy. Jesus healed those ten lepers.

Blind Bartimaeus was sitting by the roadside begging when Jesus came by.

He could not see what was happening, he just heard the noise and said, "What does it mean?" They said, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." Blind Bartimaeus did not cry, "Jesus, I have lived a good life; come back and heal

me.” He cried out: “Jesus, have mercy. Have mercy. Have mercy. Have mercy.” Mercy got the Lord’s attention and brought healing.

Everybody is a candidate for mercy.

Saul of Tarsus was an enemy of the church and was fighting against the Lord, (Acts 9).

On the Damascus road, Saul had an encounter with the resurrected Lord Jesus Christ. While he was an enemy of Christ, Saul received mercy. After his conversion, Saul was put into the ministry and his name was changed to Paul. He said, “I was a blasphemer, persecutor and a violent man.” He celebrated at the death of believers. He said: “*I was the worst of sinners.*” Then he told Timothy, “*I was shown mercy.*”

Jesus spoke of two men who went up to the temple to pray.

One was a Pharisee who thought he had done nothing wrong. The other was a poor, sinful, publican tax collector. The Pharisee said, “I thank you, Lord. I'm not like other people. I fast twice in a week. I give tithes of all I possess. I'm good. I'm good. I'm good.” The sinner man wouldn't even lift up his head. Jesus said he bowed his head and smote on his breast and said, “*God, be merciful to me, a sinner.*”

Jesus said the man that cried for mercy went down justified and saved.

That is all you have to do. We don't have to confess all our sins to be saved. The Lord our God is the Father of all mercy and comfort. He wants to forgive your sins and cleanse you from all of your unrighteous deeds. He wants to heal your diseases. He wants to help you in your troubles.

You are familiar with this text.

Read it out loud.

Psalm 23:1–6 NKJV The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

We should rejoice in this. Whatever we need is covered because the Lord our God is the Father of all mercy and comfort. His mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. Whatever you need is summed up in this.

Philippians 4:19 NKJV And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

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